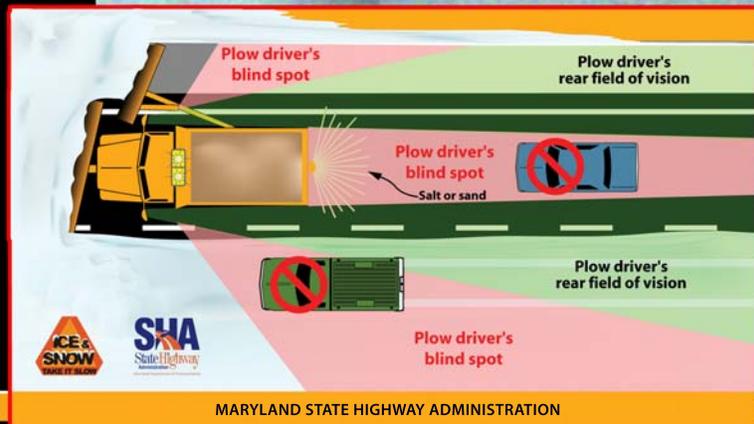


# Don't crowd the plow.

## Use Caution Around Snowplows

- **Don't crowd the plow.**  
Maintenance vehicles plow far and wide — sometimes very wide. The front plow extends several feet in front of the truck and may cross the centerline and shoulders during plowing operations.
- **Don't tailgate or follow too close behind a snowplow.**  
Snowplows are usually spreading deicing materials from the back of the truck. They may need to stop or take evasive action to avoid stranded vehicles. If you find yourself behind a snowplow, stay behind it or use caution when passing. The road behind a snowplow will be safer to drive on.
- **Don't travel next to a plow, if possible.**  
When plowing through a snowdrift or packed snow, the impact can move the truck sideways.
- **Snowplows can create a cloud of snow that can reduce your visibility to zero.**  
Drive smart. Never drive into a snow cloud — it could conceal a snowplow.
- **Snowplows travel much slower than the posted speeds.**  
When you spot a plow, allow plenty of time to slow down.
- **Never pass a snow plow train.**  
Plow trains are multiple plows moving snow left to right off the highway.
- **A snowplow operator's field of vision is restricted.**  
You may see them, but they may not see you.
- **Plows turn and exit the road frequently.**  
Give them plenty of room.



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